

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested in view of the amendment and remarks herewith. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-25 are currently pending. Claims 1, 13, 14, 18, and 23 are hereby amended. Support for this amendment is provided throughout the Specification.

No new matter has been introduced. It is submitted that these claims, as originally presented, were in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Changes to claims are made simply for clarification and to round out the scope of protection to which Applicants are entitled.

II. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

Claims 11, 12, 21, 22, 24, and 25 are allowed.

Claims 1-25 are allowed over prior art of record.

III. REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §112

Claims 1-10, 13-20, and 23 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as allegedly being indefinite.

IV. RESPONSE TO REJECTIONS

Claims 1-10, 13-20, and 23 are amended, thereby obviating the rejections.

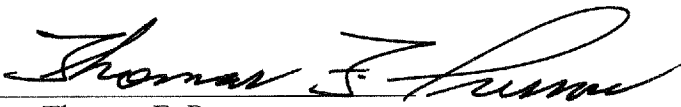
CONCLUSION

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In view of the foregoing, it is believed that all of the claims in this application are patentable and Applicants respectfully request early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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